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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 10, line 1, as follows:

A method of fastening the tool 24 in the tool chuck 20 is described below with reference to FIGS. 1 to 4. The tool chuck 20 is inserted into the mounting spindle 14 and preferably clamped in place there. After that, the tool-holding device 22 is inserted with a connecting region 26, shaped as a shank, into a locating opening 28 of the tool chuck 20. The connecting region 26 serves to arrange the tool-holding device 22 on the tool chuck 20 and is ground in the shank in such a way that it can be inserted into the locating opening 28 in a sliding manner and virtually free of play without heating a locating region 30 of the tool chuck 20. Above the connecting region 26, the tool-holding device 22 has a tool-locating region 32, or tool-accommodating region, with a tool-locating opening 34, which is designed in such a way that the tool 24 can be inserted virtually free of play. In the process, the tool 24 can be pressed into the tool-locating opening 34 until it bears with its shank end against the bottom of the tool-locating opening 34. The tool-locating region 32, with tool chuck 20 arranged in the connecting region 26, is intended for holding the tool 24 in alignment with the locating opening 28 of the tool chuck 20.

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 14, line 1, as follows:

An alternative tool-holding device 50 is shown in FIG. 4. A holding element 56 in the form of O-rings is arranged in both the tool-locating region 52, or tool-accommodating region. and the connecting region 54, these O-rings ensuring that the tool 24 is retained free of play in the tool-locating region 52 and respectively that the connecting region 54 is retained free of play in the locating opening 28 of the tool chuck 20. The O-rings are each inserted into annular grooves of the tool-holding device 50 and are held in position by said grooves. The holding

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element 56 is produced from an elastic material and can be compressed, for example, by the inserted tool 24 in such a way that the tool 24 can be inserted with its shank into the tool-locating region 52 and held elastically by the O-rings. In a similar manner, the holding element 56 in the connecting region 54 retains the tool-holding device 50 free of play and elastically in the locating opening 28.

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 14, line 30, as follows:

The outer wall 60 and the inner wall 64 are each ground and are designed to fit one another exactly, so that the tool-holding device 58 sits on the tool chuck 20 free of play and with only a slight risk of tilting. In this case, a tool-locating region 66, or tool-accommodating region, of the tool-holding device 58 is designed in such a way that the tool 24 held in it is oriented in alignment with the locating opening 28.